

tember 21, 1907 by Mrs. Nellie Caudell, and one male, taken at Falls Church, Va., on September 14, 1907, by Mr. Banks.

*Type.* — ♂ and ♀, U. S. National Museum, No. 10919.

As indicated by the above key this species is most nearly allied to *C. gundlachi* but its larger size will readily serve to separate it from both that species and *C. delicatula*.

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GENERAL.

THE SPECIALIST.

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Broadly speaking the general zoölogist is as old as history, but the specialist as now known is a product of the last century. In the days of Ray and Linnæus, when the known species of even large groups were numbered in scores only, the specialist was unknown and unneeded. The naturalist of a little more than a century ago could cover the entire field of zoölogy, considering the forms down to the species. For any one at the present time to attempt covering the same field would be preposterous. The general zoölogist of to-day must deal with his subject as classes and groups, descending to genera and species only occasionally for purposes of illustration. If he deals with species he either proves superficial or chooses a restricted field to labor. In other words he becomes a specialist, for the field of zoölogy is now too large for any one person, no matter how brilliant, to master in its entirety.

It is the innumerable contributions to knowledge made by the specialist that have brought the ingenious but crude systems of Linnæus and Cuvier to the present state of comparative perfection. The advancement of zoölogy as a whole depends upon the knowledge of the species, and it is the specialist, confining his efforts to restricted fields, that is responsible for the proper researches being made. The smaller the field, other things being equal, the more thoroughly can it be covered. We cannot know all things, so let us know something, but know it well.